

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently amended) Device for fastening a ceiling covering made of leather or imitation leather in a roof cutout for a sliding roof which is arranged in a molded ceiling element and which can be inserted in a vehicle, the ceiling covering being pulled around an upright edge of surrounding the ceiling element and roof cutout for gluing to the ~~molded ceiling element~~ upright edge,

~~wherein, on rounded corner areas of the roof cutout, wherein~~ corner clamping pieces are arranged ~~on an exterior side~~ in rounded corner areas of the ~~ceiling element~~ roof cutout,

wherein each of the corner clamping pieces has an angle profile and is connected with the ceiling element by a clamping frame fastened thereto,

wherein the ceiling covering is held over an upright leg of the angle profile and ~~around~~ on an exterior side of the upright edge of surrounding the ceiling element roof cutout,

~~wherein, in~~ wherein the upright leg of ~~its~~ the angle profile, profile of each of the respective corner clamping pieces has prongs facing the upright edge ~~of the ceiling element, surrounding the roof cutout and holding the covering being held by the prongs~~ so that the covering follows in a contacting manner a course of each rounded corner area of the roof cutout, and

~~wherein the respective corner clamping pieces are connected with the ceiling element by a clamping frame fastened thereto, and~~

wherein the clamping frame comprises several bendable fastening lugs which are arranged to correspond with slots of the corner clamping pieces.

2-4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously presented) Device according to Claim 1, wherein a straight clamping piece is arranged at least on a straight-extending edge area of the cutout, and, at the rounded corner areas of the cutout, the corner clamping pieces approximately form quarter circles.

6. (Previously presented) Device according to Claim 1, wherein the corner clamping pieces are held on the clamping frame by way of one of studs and holding nuts, and rivets.

7-9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously presented) Device according to Claim 5, wherein the corner clamping pieces are held on the clamping frame by way of one of studs and holding nuts, and rivets.

11-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) A roof assembly for a passenger vehicle comprising:

- a ~~vehicle roof~~ molded ceiling element,
- a roof cutout for a sliding roof in said ~~vehicle roof~~ ceiling element,
- a ceiling covering disposed on a side of the ~~vehicle roof~~ ceiling element which in use faces a passenger space, said ceiling covering ~~being arranged on a~~ being attachable to the ~~a~~ vehicle roof, said ceiling covering being pulled around an upright edge ~~of~~ surrounding the ~~molded ceiling element~~ roof cutout and being glued to the ~~molded ceiling element~~ upright edge, and
- at least one corner clamping piece for fastening the ceiling ~~cover~~ covering to the molded ceiling element at a respective rounded corner of the roof cutout, wherein the at least one corner clamping piece is formed as an angle profile with an upright leg, which ~~upright leg~~ at least one corner clamping piece clamps the ceiling covering to a facing portion of the upright edge ~~of~~ surrounding the ~~ceiling element~~ roof cutout,
- wherein the at least one corner clamping piece is connected with the ceiling element by a clamping frame fastened thereto,
- wherein the ceiling covering is held over the upright leg of the angle profile and ~~around~~ on an exterior side of the upright edge ~~of~~ surrounding the ~~ceiling element~~ roof cutout,
- ~~wherein, in~~ wherein the upright leg, ~~the at least one corner clamping piece~~ leg has prongs facing a portion of the upright edge ~~of~~ surrounding the ceiling

~~element, roof cutout and holding the covering being held by the prongs~~ so that the covering follows in the contacting manner a course of a rounded corner area of the roof cutout, and

~~wherein the at least one corner clamping piece is connected with the ceiling element by a clamping frame fastened thereto, and~~

wherein the clamping frame comprises several bendable fastening lugs which are arranged to correspond with slots of the at least one corner clamping piece.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously presented) A roof assembly according to Claim 13, wherein said at least one corner clamping piece is one of four corner clamping pieces provided at respective rounded corners of the roof cutout.

16-17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously presented) A roof assembly according to Claim 15, wherein a straight clamping piece is arranged at least on a straight-extending edge area of the cutout, and, at the rounded corners of the roof cutout, the corner clamping pieces approximately form quarter circles.

19. (Currently amended) A roof assembly for a passenger vehicle comprising:

- a ~~vehicle roof~~ molded ceiling element,
- a roof cutout for a sliding roof in said ~~vehicle roof~~ ceiling element,
- a ceiling covering disposed on a side of the ~~vehicle roof~~ ceiling element which in use faces a passenger space, said ceiling covering ~~being arranged on a~~ being attachable to the ~~a~~ vehicle roof, said ceiling covering being pulled around an upright edge of surrounding the ~~molded ceiling element~~ roof cutout and being glued to the ~~molded ceiling element~~ upright edge, and
- at least one corner clamping piece for fastening the ceiling covering to the molded ceiling element at a respective rounded corner of the roof cutout,
- wherein the at least one corner clamping piece is formed as an angle profile with an upright leg, which ~~upright leg~~ at least one corner clamping piece clamps the ceiling covering to a facing portion of the upright edge of surrounding the ~~ceiling element~~ roof cutout,
- wherein the at least one corner clamping piece is connected with the ceiling element by a clamping frame fastened thereto,
- wherein the ceiling covering is held over the upright leg and ~~around~~ on an exterior side of the upright edge of surrounding the ~~ceiling element~~ roof cutout,
- ~~wherein, in~~ wherein the upright leg, ~~the at least one corner clamping piece~~ leg has prongs facing a portion of the upright edge of surrounding the ~~ceiling element, roof cutout and holding~~ the covering ~~being held by the prongs~~ so that

the covering follows in a contacting manner a course of a rounded corner area of the roof cutout, and

~~wherein the at least one corner clamping piece is connected with the ceiling element by a clamping frame fastened thereto, and~~

wherein the corner clamping pieces are held on the clamping frame by way of one of studs and holding nuts, and rivets.

20. (Previously presented) A roof assembly according to Claim 13, wherein said at least one corner clamping piece is a sheet metal member.

21. (Original) A roof assembly according to Claim 13, wherein said ceiling covering is made of one of leather and imitation leather.

22. (Canceled)